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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/49/822/Add.1)]

49/237. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly

I

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General; 1/

2. Decides to keep under review the level of support costs charged to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

II

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: pension scheme for the members of the International Court of Justice

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and endorses the related observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 3/

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1/ A/C.5/49/57.

2/ A/C.5/49/8.

3/ See A/49/7/Add.11.

III

Unified conference services at Vienna

Recalling its resolution 44/201 A of 21 December 1989, in which it endorsed the view of the Secretary-General that a single conference-servicing facility at the Vienna International Centre would represent the ideal solution from the standpoint of cost-efficiency,

Recalling also its resolutions 48/218 A and 48/222 A of 23 December 1993, in which it stressed the need for the establishment of unified conference services at Vienna as soon as possible,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates for conference services at Vienna 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

1. Notes with appreciation the estimated net savings resulting from the proposed single conference-servicing facility at Vienna for the budgets of the United Nations and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization taken together;

2. Notes the estimated net additional costs of 324,100 United States dollars resulting from the proposed single conference-servicing facility at Vienna for the United Nations budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

3. Concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 5/

4. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed to establish the unified conference-servicing facility at the Vienna International Centre under the management of the United Nations on the basis of the following elements and criteria:

(a) The transfer of the conference-servicing posts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to the United Nations on the basis of the existing staffing table of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, effective from 1 April 1995;

(b) The establishment of the unified conference-servicing facility under budget sections 25E.C (Conference and library services, Vienna) and 25I (United Nations Office at Vienna), within existing resources, taking into account increased income in respect of reimbursements from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for services provided by the United Nations;

(c) An examination of the cause for the high vacancy rate in the Professional category before making any proposal in respect of the staffing table for conference services at Vienna;

(d) A review, in the context of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, of the requirements for conference-servicing staff for and the organigramme of the unified conference services at the United Nations Office at Vienna on the basis of the most updated actual workload statistics and the related United Nations workload standards in conference servicing,

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4/ A/C.5/49/24.

5/ A/49/7/Add.9.

taking into account the current and future requirements for conference servicing at Vienna;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to implement cost-effective technological innovations for the unified conference services at Vienna;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to examine the feasibility of contracting out elements of conference services at Headquarters and all duty stations with a view to achieving further cost-efficiency in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 and subsequent budgets;

IV

Reformulation of activities under sections 9 (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis) and 10 (Department for Development Support and Management Services) of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/228 A

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General. 6/

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31 March 1995

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6/ A/C.5/49/30.